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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 7, 1999

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows: